



ADVANCING PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES, LIBERIA IMPROVING EBOLA SURVIVOR CARE AND BUILDING RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS

The Ebola epidemic severely impacted Liberia's public health system and left a large population of survivors, many of whom continue to have medical problems related to the virus. From 2016–2018, the USAID-funded Advancing Partners & Communities (APC) project, in collaboration with the Liberian Ministry of Health, strengthened specialty services, rehabilitated hospitals and health facilities, and enhanced health system capacity for managing Ebola survivor care. Health workers in four key counties are now better prepared to manage a future outbreak and to respond to the health conditions of survivors.

TRAINING



464

Clinicians trained on clinical care for Ebola survivors

Using the MOH *Ebola Survivors Clinical Care Guidance* manual, the project trained mid-level healthcare workers from 75 health facilities in 11 EVD-affected counties to deliver high-quality clinical care to Ebola survivors.

BEFORE TRAINING:



AFTER TRAINING:



Participants were tested on the main topic areas before and after the training. These included general EVD-related clinical care, stigma, infection prevention and control, and referral systems. Passing was defined as a score of greater than 60%.

38

Clinicians trained through the Mental Health Clinician Training Program

Clinicians who completed the training program became licensed and received certificates in mental health care. The training consisted of classroom learning and applied clinical practice.

640

Clinicians trained or mentored in sub-specialty care



Ophthalmology

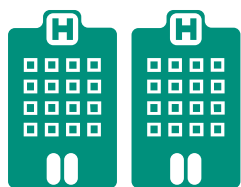


Psychiatry



Rheumatology

CLINICAL CARE



ELWA Hospital

St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital

1,767

Survivor patient visits for out-patient and in-patient services at the two facilities



424

Survivors registered to receive services at the two facilities

3,476

Visits by survivors and the general population to any of the sub-specialist providers

130

Survivor patient visits

3,346

General population visits

SURVIVOR EXPERIENCE



Exit interviews were conducted with 42 survivors, randomly sampled from monthly survivor patient listings.

95%



Reported respectful communication by staff during their last visit to the health facility

88%



Reported that they would recommend the facility to friends and family

MEASURING PROGRAM IMPACT

To measure the effects of program interventions, baseline and endline assessments were conducted with a representative, random sample of 676 EVD survivors in the four target counties.



Number of survivors who reported two or more occurrences of being stigmatized by health care providers



Number of survivors who reported avoiding or delaying seeking care due to fear of EVD-related stigma at the health facilities



Number of survivors attending referral appointments

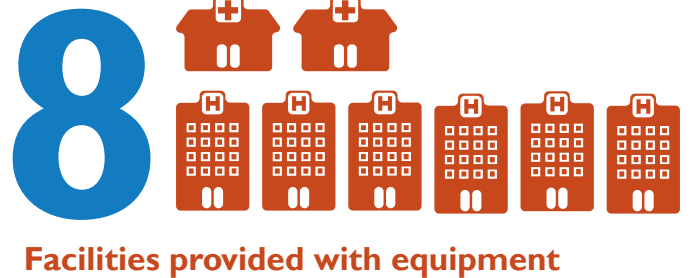


INFRASTRUCTURE



Renovations:

- Perimeter wall
- Borehole drilling
- Emergency triage unit
- Rain water harvesting system
- Eye clinic
- Out-patient infectious disease clinic
- Laboratory renovation



Types of equipment:

- Autoclave
- Ophthalmic equipment
- Microscopes
- Obstetrics/general facility equipment
- General laboratory items
- Laboratory analyzers